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Location

2. "The Ural Tank Works No. 183 named for Stalin (Uralski Tankovy Zavod Imeni Stalina No. 183) in the town of Nizhni-Tagil (also called Tankograd), Sverdlov oblast, were founded after the evacuation of the Kharkov Tank Works from Kharkov. The plant is subordinated to the Ministry for Transport Industry of the USSR and gets its funds from the budget of this ministry.

Production

3. "In 1952 the Works produced modernized T-54 tanks with a V-2/34 motor, and the artillery platforms SU-76, SU-85 and SU-100.
4. "The Works No. 183 has a large 'bureau for the construction of average tanks' which is managed by A. A. Morozov, Major-General of the tank service.

Raw materials and Parts

5. "The Tank Works No. 183 gets the materials and prefabricated parts it requires from the following enterprises:
- The Novo-Tagilsk Metallurgical Plant supplies armour plate.
 - The Nizhni-Tagilsk Metallurgical Plant named for Kuibyshev supplies various metals.
 - The Ural Railway Car Works in Nizhni-Tagil supplies a number of parts.
 - The Kirov Tractor Works in Chelyabinsk supplies Diesel motors for tanks and self-propelling artillery platforms.
 - The Ural Artillery Works No. 9 named for Stalin, Sverdlovsk, supplies the guns for the tanks and self-propelling artillery platforms.

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Modernization

5. "The Tank Works No. 183 was modernized in 1948-1950. The tank assembly is now carried out on an assembly line system. In 1952 the Works had 182 such assembly lines in operation.
7. "The casting of parts has been mechanized by the use of permanent forms. Up to 90 per cent of the details and parts are now stamped (pressed, cut?) with powerful 'stamping' hammers. The parts are 100 per cent welded by means of electrical welding 'automatons' of the 'Professor E.O. Paton type'.
8. "Since 1948 the time necessary for building an average tank has been cut by 50 per cent through the above improvements. The cost has also been halved.

Labor

9. "In 1952 the Works had 14,000 employees, including workers, technical and office personnel. It also had six Martin furnaces, 10 electrical furnaces and eight thermic furnaces.

Honors

10. "The Works has been distinguished with 38 state decorations for tank building. It was considered the best tank-building works of the USSR in 1952.
11. "The Works is engaged in a more or less permanent 'Socialist competition' with the Kirov Tank-Building Works in Chelyabinsk."

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